

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application with claim 2 being withdrawn and claims 1 and 3-4 being amended in the response filed on June 5, 2006. Claims 5 and 6 have been added in proper format for US examination and no new matter has been added. Entry and consideration thereof are respectfully requested. In addition, the specification has been amended to correct readily apparent typographical errors in some of the symbols.

New Claim 5 is added to further specify the process of extracting *Radix Stephaniae tetrandrae*. Support for this amendment may be found in Example 1. Claim 6 is added to further specify the components of the SPRST extract by referring to the HPLC fingerprint. The result of the HPLC fingerprint is included in the specification and shown in Fig. 1b. Thus, claims 5 and 6 do not include new matter.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, Ph.D., Reg. No. 40,069 at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000.

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Respectfully submitted,

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